



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

November 30, 2001

S. 1447

Aviation and Transportation Security Act

As cleared by the Congress on November 16, 2001

S. 1447 (enacted as Public Law 107-71) will establish a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to coordinate and direct aviation security and—in times of national emergencies—to coordinate security for all domestic transportation. The act authorizes increased federal responsibility for all aspects of aviation security, including a federal take-over of passenger and baggage screening.

S. 1447 could affect direct spending and receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply to the act, but CBO estimates that any impact on direct spending and receipts will not be significant. S. 1447 establishes a new federal crime for assaulting or interfering with an airport security official. Because those prosecuted and convicted under S. 1447 could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government may collect additional fines. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years. CBO expects that any additional receipts and direct spending will be less than \$500,000 each year.

S. 1447 authorizes the TSA to charge air carriers and passengers fees to offset the cost of providing airport security. Under the act, however, the TSA cannot collect fees or spend funds on aviation security without prior appropriation action. As a result, those transactions will not affect direct spending and receipts.

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